

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A network device that connects with an information processing device via a network, the information processing device storing setting information which is used for a preset control of the network device and includes unique information for ~~the~~ a network device type, said network device comprising:

a setting information memory module that is configured to store the setting information in a memory;

a receiver module that receives the setting information, which is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device, via the network from the information processing device, and stores the setting information as initial values in the memory;

an update module that selects the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device among the received setting information, when the received setting information includes setting information mapped to identification information allocated to another network device and updates ~~a storage in the setting information memory module~~ the initial values of the setting information stored in the memory, based on the received or selected setting information; and

a transmitter module that sends a transmission request of the setting information to said information processing device via the network at least when said network device is connected to the network.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the transmission request includes the predetermined identification information.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said transmitter module sends the transmission request in response to a requirement from said information processing device.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, said network device further comprising:

a search module that searches for a location of said information processing device on the network.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said information processing device is present at a certain location on the network, which is known to said network device.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said transmitter module sends the transmission request on a start-up of said network device.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the setting information includes transmission timing information regarding a timing of the transmission, and

said transmission module sends the transmission request based on the transmission timing information.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said transmitter module sends the transmission request, when said receiver module receives a notice showing that the setting information stored in said information processing device has been updated.

Claim 11 (Original): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the identification information is set in advance on shipment of said network device.

Claim 12 (Original): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the identification information is set after shipment of said network device.

Claim 13 (Original): A network device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the identification information is set based on a location of said network device.

Claim 14 (Original): A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said network device is a printing device.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A setting method of carrying out specified setting to control a network device connecting with a network in use, said setting method comprising the steps of:

providing a setting information memory module that stores setting information used for a preset control of said network device, the setting information including unique information for said a network device type;

sending a transmission request of the setting information to an information processing device via the network at least when said network device is connected to the network;

receiving the setting information, which is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device for identification thereof, via the network from said information processing device that is connected with the network and ~~stores storing~~ the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device as initial values; and

selecting the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device among the received setting information, when the received setting information includes setting information mapped to identification information allocated to another network device and updating ~~a storage in the setting information memory module~~ the initial values of the setting information, based on the received or selected setting information.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer program for carrying out specified setting to control a network device connecting with a network, said computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

sending a transmission request of setting information to an information processing device via the network at least when said network device is connected to the network;

receiving the setting information, which is used for a preset control of said network device, includes unique information for ~~the~~ a network device type and is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device for identification thereof, via the network from said information processing device that is connected with the network and ~~stores~~ storing the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device as initial values; and

selecting the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device among the received setting information, when the received setting information includes setting information mapped to identification information allocated to another network device and updating ~~a storage content in a setting information memory module, which is incorporated in said network device to store the setting information therein~~ the initial values of the setting information, based on the received setting information.